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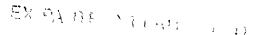
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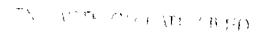
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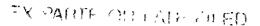
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In making this decision, you must think deeply about the benefits to all Americans not to just a few select corporations. Instead of treating all Americans as criminals, you should reinvigorate the concept of "fair use" and apply punishments and restrictions only to those who are clearly breaking the law.

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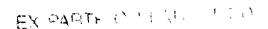
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Dear Commissioner Kevin J. Martin

One year ago. I unplugged my television set because I was fed up with the low-brow bent of local broadcasts,

the meessant 'sky-is-falling' approach of the local news programs, and the 25% to 30% commercial content

In the last year, I have refused to watch the idiot box relying instead on newspapers for my news

Last week I purchased components for and built a new computer. This machine has the ability to receive television broadcasts. My intent has been to use open source software to view digital broadcasts, but I now find that the FCC is considering adoption of a "broadcast flag" which, if I understand the effect of this rule, will make it illegal for me to use my computer in this way.

I strongly disagree with any restrictions to my use of broadcasts. The airwaves belong to the public, not to corporate interests. Once content has been broadcast, that broadcast must be part of the public domain and available for fair use. I consider the ability to use whatever means I choose to view the content as fair use.

Please refuse to restrict the rights of the general public. Thank-you

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NO On Broadcast Flags unless if you want to huit an already failing industries, which mean I pay more for less. You can try and stop the free software but you wont be able and all this is a waste of what little resource we have left. I use freeware no everything I can and the only reason that is is because nothing works the way I want it too, so I have to modify things and if I cant make thing work for me the way I want them to work, I wont buy anything or watch anything. I guess I'll to start reading more books

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Dear Ferin Martin

I am writing to voice my opposition to any FCC-mandated adoption of "proadcast flag" technology for digital television. As a consumer and citizen. I feel strongly that such a policy would be bad for innovation, consumer rights, and the ultimate adoption of ΓTV

A robust competitive market for consumer electronics must be rocted in nanufacturers' ability to innovate for their customers. Allowing movie studios to meto features of DTV-reception equipment will enable the studios to tell technologists what new products they concreate. This will result in products that don't necessarily reflect what consumers like me actually want, and it could result in me being charged more money for interior functionality.

It the FOO issues a broadcast flag mandate. I would actually be less likely to make an investment in DTM-depable receivers and other equipment. I will not pay more for devices that limit my rights at the beheat of Hollywood. Please do not mandate proadcast flag technology for digital television. Thank you for your time

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Having a PhD in Computer Science, I would be free to offer my statements before any subcommittee as appropriate

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I am a computer hobbyrst with 6 children whom are hobbyrst as well. I am employed as a Security Guard and earn \$9.25 an hour. I have had to learn open—source software and Operating Systems, simply because I cannot afford the others.

My children would have no access to modern computing at all if it weren't for open—source availability. They have learned how to download games and install emulators and even write small scripts. This would have never happened if we were limited to what we could afford.

This desire to implement a "Broadcast flag" will only stiffle the ability for the low income to learn modern programing. I bet there aren't more than a few hundred thousand people who get digital to on thier computers, even if it is a few million. there are hundreds of millions who will never do it. So the argument that it is a finacial issue is moot.

I believe the real reason is the rich are afraid that the low income will learn computing as good as them and someday be competitors in business. They want to keep families like mine down and strick in menial jobs, like security, iso we can never dream of owning our own home or living out of debt.

This is a blatent attempt by the MPAA to keep monopolipic control over an ever widening field. What the heak is the FCC doing licensing software anyway? Why isn't my countrys FCC defending my right to explore and innovate?

Last but not least, it is true that people watch to and movies and such. My kids had StarWars 2 days before it came out, but it ignited a passion in them for computing that only experience could. They are now learning how to make thier own digital movies by info they get off the net. The MPAA certainly isn't helping foster thier education or desire for knowledge.

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